

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

- a housing for receiving the elongate member;
- a saddle member movably mounted relative to the housing;
- a lever cooperating with the housing for moving the saddle member relative to the housing; and
- an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member; and
- a clamping surface adaptive to receive a tensioning tool.

2. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The clamp of claim 1~~ A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

- a housing for receiving the elongate member;
- a saddle member movably mounted relative to the housing;
- a lever cooperating with the housing for moving the saddle member relative to the housing, wherein the lever cooperates with a housing cam surface on the housing, the housing cam surface having at least two discrete surface areas; and
- an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member.

3. **(Original)** The clamp of claim 2, wherein the housing cam surface defines at least two lever locking positions for engaging the elongate member.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The clamp of claim 1, wherein the lever is pivotaly directly attached to the saddle member.

✓ 5. **(Currently Amended)** The clamp of claim 1, wherein the engaging surface is ~~associated with~~ integrated into the saddle member for engaging the elongate member.

✓ 6. **(Currently Amended)** The clamp of claim 1, wherein the engaging surface is ~~associated with~~ integrated into the ~~housing for~~ housing for engaging the elongate member.

✓ 7. **(Currently Amended)** The clamp of claim 1, wherein engaging surfaces are ~~associated with~~ integrated into both the saddle member and the housing for engaging the elongate member.

✓ 8. **(Original)** The clamp of claim 1 wherein the engaging surface is formed to engage at least a portion of a periphery of the elongate member.

9/ ✓ 9. **(Original)** The clamp of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of a lengthwise cross-section of the engaging surface is non-linear.

✓ 10. **(Currently Amended)** The clamp of claim 1 wherein ~~at least a portion of a widthwise cross-section of the engaging surface is concave~~ the clamping surfaced is barrel shaped.

✓ 11. **(Original)** The clamp of claim 1 wherein the lever is pivotably attached to the saddle member in a slot, the slot being formed in the saddle member and having at least two distinct positions allowing the lever to pivot from at least two positions.

≈ 12. **(Currently Amended)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;

a saddle member movably mounted relative to the housing;

a lever cooperating with the housing for moving the saddle member relative to the housing.~~The clamp of claim 1~~ wherein the lever is pivotably attached to the saddle member in a slot, the slot being formed in the lever and having at least two distinct positions allowing the lever to pivot from at least two positions; and
an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member.

✓ 13. **(Currently Amended)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;
a platen movably mounted relative to the housing;
a lever cooperating with the platen for moving the platen relative to the housing; ~~and~~
an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member; and
a clamping surface adaptive to receive a tensioning tool.

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≈ 14. **(Currently Amended)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;
a platen movably mounted relative to the housing;
a lever cooperating with the platen for moving the platen relative to the housing~~The clamp of claim 13~~, wherein the lever includes a lever cam surface having at least one facet cooperating with the platen; and
an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member.

≈ 15. **(Original)** The clamp of claim 14, wherein the lever cam surface defines at least one lever locking position for engaging the elongate member.

≈ 16. **(Currently Amended)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;

a platen movably mounted relative to the housing;
a lever cooperating with the platen for moving the platen relative to the housing
~~clamp of claim 13~~, wherein the lever cooperates with at least a portion of a platen cam surface on the platen, the platen cam surface being nonplanar in at least a portion of its surface area; and
an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member.

= 17. **(Original)** The clamp of claim 16, wherein the platen cam surface defines at least two lever locking positions for engaging the elongate member.

✓ 18. **(Original)** The clamp of claim 13, wherein the lever is pivotably attached to the housing.

✓ 19. **(Currently Amended)** The clamp of claim 13, wherein the engaging surface is ~~associated with~~ integrated into the platen for engaging the elongate member.

✓ 20. **(Currently Amended)** The clamp of claim 13, wherein the engaging surface is ~~associated with~~ integrated into the housing for engaging the elongate member.

✓ 21. **(Currently Amended)** The clamp of claim 13, wherein engaging surfaces are ~~associated with~~ integrated into both the platen and the housing for engaging the elongate member.

✓ 22. **(Original)** The clamp of claim 13 wherein the engaging surface is formed to engage at least a portion of a periphery of the elongate member.

✓ 23. **(Original)** The clamp of claim 13 wherein at least a portion of a lengthwise cross-section of the engaging surface is non-linear.

✓ 24. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The clamp of claim 13 wherein at least a portion of a widthwise cross-section of the engaging surface is concave~~the clamping surfaced is barrel shaped.

25. **(Currently Amended)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;

a platen movably mounted relative to the housing;

a lever cooperating with the platen for moving the platen relative to the housing~~The clamp of claim 13,~~ wherein at least one spring suspends the platen when the lever is in an open, unengaged, position; and

an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member.

= 26. **(Original)** The clamp of claim 25, wherein the spring includes any number, variety and combination of coil spring, leaf spring or resilient chemical compound.

= 27. **(Currently Amended)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;

a platen movably mounted relative to the housing;

a lever cooperating with the platen for moving the platen relative to the housing~~The clamp of claim 13~~ wherein the lever is pivotably attached to the housing member in a slot, the slot being formed in the housing and having at least two distinct positions allowing the lever to pivot from at least two positions; and

an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member.

= 28. **(Currently Amended)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;

a platen movably mounted relative to the housing;
a lever cooperating with the platen for moving the platen relative to the housing.
~~The clamp of claim 13~~ wherein the lever is pivotably attached to the housing member in a slot, the slot being formed in the lever and having at least two distinct positions allowing the lever to pivot from at least two positions; and
an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member.

✓ 29. **(Currently Amended)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;
a saddle member movably mounted relative to the housing;
a platen movably mounted relative to the housing;
a lever cooperating with the platen for moving the saddle member and platen relative to the housing; and
an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member; and
a clamping surface adaptive to receive a tensioning tool.

≈ 30. **(Currently Amended)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;
a saddle member movably mounted relative to the housing;
a platen movably mounted relative to the housing;
a lever cooperating with the platen for moving the saddle member and platen relative to the housing.
~~The clamp of claim 29,~~ wherein the lever includes a lever cam surface having at least one facet cooperating with the platen; and
an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member.

≈ 31. **(Original)** The clamp of claim 30, wherein the lever cam surface defines at least one lever locking position for engaging the elongate member.

32. **(Currently Amended)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;

a saddle member movably mounted relative to the housing;

a platen movably mounted relative to the housing;

a lever cooperating with the platen for moving the saddle member and platen relative to the housing~~The clamp of claim 29~~, wherein the lever cooperates with at least a portion of a platen cam surface on the platen, the platen cam surface being nonplanar in at least a portion of its surface area; and

an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member.

33. **(Original)** The clamp of claim 32, wherein the platen cam surface defines at least two lever locking positions for engaging the elongate member.

34. **(Currently Amended)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;

a saddle member movably mounted relative to the housing;

a platen movably mounted relative to the housing;

a lever cooperating with the platen for moving the saddle member and platen relative to the housing~~The clamp of claim 29~~, wherein the lever is pivotably attached to the saddle member; and

an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member.

35. **(Currently Amended)** The clamp of claim 29, wherein the engaging surface is integrated into~~associated with~~ the platen for engaging the elongate member.

✓ 36. (Currently Amended) The clamp of claim 29, wherein the engaging surface is integrated into ~~associated with~~ the saddle member for engaging the elongate member.

✓ 37. (Currently Amended) The clamp of claim 29, wherein engaging surfaces are ~~associated with~~ integrated into both the platen and the saddle member for engaging the elongate member.

✓ 38. (Original) The clamp of claim 29, wherein the engaging surface is formed to engage at least a portion of a periphery of the elongate member.

✓ 39. (Original) The clamp of claim 29, wherein at least a portion of a lengthwise cross-section of the engaging surface is non-linear.

9 ✓ 40. (Currently Amended) The clamp of claim 29, wherein ~~at least a portion of a widthwise cross-section of the engaging surface is concave~~ the clamping surfaced is barrel shaped.

≈ 41. (Currently Amended) A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;
a saddle member movably mounted relative to the housing;
a platen movably mounted relative to the housing;
a lever cooperating with the platen for moving the saddle member and platen relative to the housing
~~The clamp of claim 29, wherein at least one spring suspends the platen when the lever is in an open, unengaged, position; and~~
an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member.

≈ 42. (Original) The clamp of claim 41, wherein the spring includes any number, variety and combination of coil spring, leaf spring or resilient chemical compound.

✓ 43. **(Original)** The clamp of claim 29 wherein the lever is pivotably attached to the saddle member in a slot, the slot being formed in the saddle member and having at least two distinct positions allowing the lever to pivot from at least two positions.

≈ 44. **(Currently Amended)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;

a saddle member movably mounted relative to the housing;

a platen movably mounted relative to the housing;

a lever cooperating with the platen for moving the saddle member and platen relative to the housing. ~~The clamp of claim 29~~ wherein the lever is pivotably attached to the saddle member in a slot, the slot being formed in the lever and having at least two distinct positions allowing the lever to pivot from at least two positions; and

an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member.

≈ 45. **(Original)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;

a saddle member movably mounted relative to the housing;

an engaging surface for engaging a the elongate member; and

means for selectively moving the saddle member relative to the housing.

≈ 46. **(Original)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;

a platen movably mounted relative to the housing;

an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member; and

means for selectively moving the platen relative to the housing.

≈ 47. **(Original)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member;
a platen movably mounted relative to the housing;
a saddle member movable mounted relative to the housing;
an engaging surface for engaging the elongate member; and
means for selectively moving the platen and saddle member relative to the housing.

= 48. **(Original)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:
a housing for receiving the elongate member; and
means for engaging a substantial periphery of the elongate member.

= 49. **(Currently Amended)** A clamp for clamping an elongate member comprising in combination:

a housing for receiving the elongate member; ~~and~~
a means for engaging the elongate member in at least two positions; and
a clamping surface adaptive to receive a tensioning tool.

50. **(Withdrawn)** A method of clamping an elongate member in a medical device comprising in combination the steps of:

inserting an end of the elongate member into a clamping device; and
applying a clamping force to the elongate member using the clamping device and in so doing, engaging a periphery of the elongate member.

= 51. **(Original)** A method of clamping an elongate member in a medical device comprising in combination the steps of:

inserting an end of the elongate member into a clamping device; and
applying a clamping force to the elongate member through a saddle member.

= 52. **(Original)** A method of clamping an elongate member using a medical device comprising in combination the steps of:

inserting an end of the elongate member into a clamping device; and
applying a clamping force to the elongate member through a platen.

≈ 53. **(Original)** A method of clamping an elongate member using a medical device comprising in combination the steps of:

inserting an end of the elongate member into a clamping device;
applying a clamping force to the elongate member by moving a lever to a first engaging position; and
applying a second clamping force to the elongate member by moving the lever to a second engaging position.

≈ 54. **(Currently Amended)** A method of clamping an elongate member in a medical device comprising in combination the steps of:

inserting an end of the elongate member through the body of a cable tensioner and clamping device housing;
applying a clamping force to the elongate member through a saddle member using the clamping device and in so doing, engaging a periphery of the elongate member; and
using the cable tensioner to apply tension to the elongate member.

≈ 55. **(New)** A method of clamping and elongate member in a medical device comprising in combination the steps of:

inserting an end of the elongate member through the body of a cable tensioner and clamping device housing;
applying a clamping force to the elongated member though a platen; and
using the cable tensioner to apply tension to the elongate member.